

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 453, August 19, 2005 ]**

**CREATING A CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION TO PROPOSE THE REVISION OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION IN CONSULTATION WITH VARIOUS SECTORS OF SOCIETY**

WHEREAS, our present political and economic systems need structural reforms to respond to inward and global changes to make them relevant and competitive;

WHEREAS, applying the appropriate solutions to our chronic political, economic and cultural problems depends, to a large extent, on effective and accountable political institutions, a decentralized government that is more responsive and accountable to the people and allows them to participate effectively in its decisions and the making of social and economic policies;

WHEREAS, Constitutional reform is a public commitment the President made in 2003-2004, subsequently incorporated in the Medium Term Public Investment Program, 2005-2010, which she deems to be of the highest priority as stated in her State of the Nation Address on July 25, 2005;

WHEREAS, there is a need to bring the great charter debate to the people and involve them in the study and formulation of amendments or revisions to the 1987 Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, I GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation and Mandate. – There is hereby created a Consultative Commission which shall conduct consultations and studies and propose amendments and revisions to the 1987 Constitution, principally the proposals to shift from the presidential-unitary system to a parliamentary-federal system of government, to refocus economic policies in the Constitution to match the country’s vision for global competitiveness, and to review economic policies which tend to hinder the country’s global competitiveness and adversely affect the people’s welfare.

For this purpose, the Consultative Commission shall review existing and new Constitutional reform proposals and hold nationwide consultations with various sectors of society, such as farmers, fishermen, workers, students, lawyers, professionals, business, military, academic, ethnic, and other similar groups, including the different leagues of Local Government Units and members of Congress and the Judiciary.

SECTION 2. Composition. – The Consultative Commission shall be composed of not more than fifty (50) members representing the national, regional and sectoral constituencies, who shall be appointed by the President.